

C O N F I D E N T I A L3rd May, 1960.CCCCM Document No. 3977COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONCNPROPOSED UNITED STATES EXPORT OF REFINED BORAX TO POLAND25th April and 2nd May, 1960

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: CCCCMM Docs. Nos. 3381, 3909, 3945 and 3958.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a United States proposal to export to Poland 500 tons of refined borax, valued at \$ 32,605, and invited delegates to give the views of their Governments.
2. The BELGIAN, JAPANESE, NETHERLANDS and TURKISH Delegates raised no objection to this export.
3. The ITALIAN Delegate gave his approval to this request ad referendum. Later that day he informed the Secretariat and the United States Delegation that his authorities had no objection to this request.
4. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that, while his Government had no objection to the United States proposal, he had been instructed to point out that the continued export of relatively large quantities of raw materials to Poland gave rise to certain difficulties in countries where requests were received for the export of smaller quantities of the same material to other Sino-Soviet Bloc countries. The special procedure adopted in the case of Poland thus created certain problems especially where raw materials were concerned.
5. The FRENCH Delegate shared the view expressed by his United Kingdom colleague. It was true that the Committee had adopted a more favourable policy in the case of Poland, but the large quantities of boron recently exported to that country made it somewhat difficult to refuse the shipment of very much smaller quantities to other countries in the Bloc. The Delegate would not, however, raise objection to the proposed transaction.
6. The GERMAN Delegate stated that his authorities had been somewhat surprised to see that a request involving a considerable amount of boron had been put forward. They themselves had on several occasions refused requests from exporters to ship smaller quantities of this product either to Poland or to other Bloc countries, without even bringing the matter before the Committee. The Delegate was without final instructions and hoped to give his Government's views by the 27th April at the latest.
7. The UNITED STATES Delegate thanked those Delegations who had been able to approve his Government's request. He trusted that the German Delegate would be able to express final views very rapidly, since the case had been before the Committee for some considerable time, and like all such cases had been under study in Washington for months preceding its submission to the Committee. Turning to the various comments made on the size of the export concerned, the Delegate stated that the case submitted by his Government fully met the requirements of the special Polish procedure, and there was no such procedure which

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applied to any other country in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. He was sure, however, that his authorities would bear in mind the concern certain delegations had expressed.

8. On the 2nd May, the GERMAN Delegate informed the Committee that his authorities were prepared to concur in the United States request. He had already informed the United States Delegation of this several days before. The Delegate added that his authorities believed that this case would not prevent the Committee from giving favourable consideration to reasonable requests from other member countries for the export of baren products particularly as far as Polish destinations were concerned.

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